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THE SENATORSHIP.

Our dispatches from Madison to-day say that it is generally believed at the Capitol that the dead-lock on the Senatorial question will be broken to-night, and that the election of a United States Senator will take place on Wednesday. The opinion generally prevailed in Madison on Saturday among the Keyes men that some sort of a compromise would be effected by Monday night. The nature of the compromise can hardly be conjectured inasmuch as the "dark horse" was considered out of the question, and at the same time neither of the three prominent candidates seemed inclined to break. For reasons which at present are not very clear, the Howe men are put down as the ones most likely to break. Of course there must be a break in the ranks if a senator is elected by the Republicans. The power to "stick" and "suey surrender" is a good quality in certain tactics, but in the case of electing a United States Senator in Wisconsin, it can not be called the valor which deserves applause. A Republican leader can not be elected without a compromise being made by the friends of two of the Senatorial candidates. To carry the question into a joint convention with the present display of obstinacy, will avail nothing, for if every Democrat and Greenbacker in the Legislature should vote with Carpenter's 26 men, they could not elect him as they would still lack two votes of a majority. It is not improbable that if a compromise is made at all, it will be between the Carpenter and the Keyes men. There is a sort of an affinity existing between them which does not exist between the Howe faction and the other two, and for reason, it would not be strange if Mr. Keyes and his friends will gallantly surrender to Matt. Should Senator Howe see the futility of still being a candidate and should advise his friends to vote for whom they please, it would be very evident that sufficient force would join Carpenter to give him the nomination.

A VAIN ATTEMPT AT SMARTNESS.

We are under obligations to Hon. C. W. Williams for half a dozen volumes of Congressional Records. We already have several hundred of these interesting volumes in our little library, but they have been read and re-read so many times that we know every page of them by heart. These volumes contain a record of every word said in the Senate and House of Representatives from 1789 to the present time. They are a treasure to every student of history and a source of information to every citizen. We have just received a new volume, the 10th of the series, and it is a most interesting one. It contains the proceedings of the Senate and House of Representatives from 1889 to 1890. It is a most interesting volume, and we are sure that it will be read and re-read many times.

Perhaps the Herald indulges in the above vein of remark out of no feeling of unkindness to Congressman Williams, for the reason that we believe it holds him in the highest respect; but we nevertheless think that this is a specimen of very cheap wit, and is less complimentary to intelligent journalism than to Congress which it so lightly patronizes. Has the editor of the Herald any conception of the character of the Congressional Records? It seems not. They contain verbatim reports of the proceedings of Congress. No books are more sought for at the hands of Congressmen than these. Libraries, schools, colleges, and public men everywhere, apply for them. The number being limited to about twenty sets to each member, Mr. Williams has adopted the plan of placing them in the hands of editors and in public libraries so far as he can, where all can refer to them, rather than be sent to personal favorites as was formerly the custom. Now, while they contain much rubbish, buncombe and nonsense, at the same time they contain the best thoughts of some of the ablest men in this generation, and are full of valuable facts and official statements brought out in the white heat of debate. Put three hundred men to quarrying for facts in the libraries, and among the archives and official documents at Washington, each one knowing that when he presents his statements, a hundred stand ready to trip him if they can, and he will have the utmost regard for accuracy. In these volumes can be found the whole history of the financial legislation of Congress, and it would naturally be supposed that any one having the speeches of men like Blaine, Edmunds, Conkling, Jones, Garfield, and Hale, and all the debates, messages and reports pro and con upon this and kindred subjects, bound and accurately indexed for reference, and which would cost a private individual hundreds of dollars to purchase, would have something to give in return, a little better than a sneer. We are inclined to think the Herald will see upon reflection that it has exercised its wit at the expense of common courtesy and good sense.

There is a strong impression in certain political circles that the Senatorial matter will be settled by to-morrow noon. Who will surrender is a very interesting question. The Greenbackers are surprised that the world moves after assumption has taken place. To them and to Doolittle it is more puzzling than the Senatorial question. Some people look upon Speaker Kelly as a dark horse.

Boys and Pistols.

"I never could understand" the Deacon said, "why a boy should carry a pistol. A pistol is a very peculiar fire-arm; it is made for a very peculiar purpose. It is quite natural for some boys to want rifles or shot-guns with which to kill game; but a pistol is intended to kill human beings, and this is intended to kill human beings, and this is about all it is good for. There are few boys in this country who could shoot a bird or a rabbit with a pistol, and any one who should go out hunting with a pistol would be laughed at. This being the case, why should a boy want a pistol? What human beings would he like to kill? It is useless to say that he may need his pistol for purposes of defense. Not one boy in a thousand is ever placed in such a position that he need defend himself with a pistol. But it often has happened that boys who carried loaded pistols thought that it would be a manly thing, under certain circumstances, to use them to kill human beings, and they killed some of them. They only brought down misery on themselves and their families. And this, too, in many cases where, if no one present had had a pistol, the affair would have passed off harmlessly, and been soon forgotten."

THE TEXT BOOK QUESTION.

Superintendent of Public Instruction, W. C. Whitford, R. E. Davis, of Dane, George H. Paul, of Milwaukee, G. S. Albee, of Oshkosh, and J. B. Quimby, of Sauk, constitute the school book commission which was organized last winter. They have held seven meetings in the meantime, and have considered or investigated six questions: (1) the proposed legislation regarding school books; (2) the character of the existing statutes on the subject in other States; (3) the advisability of State uniformity; (4) the best mode of lessening the cost of text books; (5) the number of text books which should be used; and (6) the question of reform in English orthography. The report of the Commissioners embraces all of these points. They do not advise absolute uniformity for the reason that they do not regard it practicable; but advise uniformity in districts and towns. The Commissioners have reported a bill which provides for a text-book commission, to consist of the State Superintendent of Public Instruction, and the Presidents of the

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Charge of Murder at Berlin,
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waukee Concert Saloons.Reports From the Milwaukee
Lobby at Madison.Other Interesting Items in Our
Special Dispatches.

MARKETS.

Special to the Gazette.
CINCINNATI, Jan. 20.—No 2 spring wheat, cash 82½ cents; February, 83½ cents; March, 84½ cents; No 3 spring wheat, cash, at 80½ cents; February, 81½ cents; March, 82½ cents.
CORN—No 2, cash, 30 cents; February 30½ cents; March 30½ cents.
BARLEY—Extra No 1 cash, 49½ cents.

A NEW JUSTICE.

Special to the Gazette.
WASHINGTON, Jan. 20.—The President has sent in the name of William G. Thompson, of Iowa, as Justice of the Supreme Court.

A BIG BLAZE.

Special to the Gazette.
PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 20.—Brown & Son's woolen factory was destroyed by fire this morning. The loss will reach \$300,000, which is covered by insurance.

A GAS EXPLOSION.

Special to the Gazette.
BOSTON, Jan. 20.—A terrible explosion of gas occurred in Weeks & Patten's wholesale drug house this forenoon. The damage cannot be placed at less than \$250,000. By some seeming miracle no lives were lost.

AN OCEAN DISASTER.

Special to the Gazette.
CORUNNA, Spain, Jan. 20.—The Spanish steamer "Bat" from Baltimore has arrived here in a damaged condition, and reports a collision with the British "Lancashire Witch" in which the latter was sunk and all on board were lost.

A HUNT IN THE COLD.

Special to the Gazette.
ST. PETERSBURG, Jan. 20.—The Czar has ordered a sledge expedition into Siberia overland to ascertain the whereabouts of Nordenfalk's expedition. It is believed that the American steamer Jeannette will succor Nordenfalk and his companions.

SUICIDE.

A Dane County Man Commits Suicide
by Taking Poison.

Special to the Gazette.
MADISON, January 20.—Thomas Holmes, a resident and native of Cottage Grove, aged twenty-three, committed suicide last night by taking strychnine. Cause whisky. He leaves a wife and child.

FROM MADISON.

The Speculations Concerning the
Senatorship and the Caucus To-
night.

Special to the Gazette.
MADISON, Jan. 20.—Both Houses of the Legislature have adjourned over from Saturday to to-morrow morning, but not more than half of the Republican members went home, they having to be on hand at the caucus to-night. The excitement yesterday at several headquarters ran quite high, and crowds of politicians were busy all day and night. It was supposed that some sort of compromise might be effected over Sunday, but though rumors fill the air it is not apparent that an arrangement has been effected by which the dead lock will be broken to-night. Matt Carpenter is cool, he says that he has a feeling of inner consciousness that his success is assured, though he says he cannot exactly figure it out. Keyes is excited, but thoroughly confident. His forces are splendidly organized, and he can afford to stick as long as he continues to lead on every ballot. If there is any weakening at all it is on the part of Howe. His friends in the last few ballots began casting around experimental votes for dark horses and it is reported that six of the staunch supporters of Howe are pledged to vote to-night for Carpenter, in order for hopes of weakening the forces of the latter, but this secret scheme is known to the Keyes men, and to be forewarned is forearmed. The Caucus commences at seven thirty, and an all night session is expected. The balloting in the joint convention must commence Wednesday. For Republicans to go into convention without a candidate is the Carpenter programme, but its success is hardly probable. It is generally felt that a break

somewhere will be made to-night and a candidate selected before morning.

BOUNCE BARRON.

Chippewa County Doesn't Admire
That Eminent Statesman and Jurist
—The Taxes—Funny Republican
Movements.

From the Milwaukee Sentinel.
CHIPPewa FALLS, Jan. 18.—Considerable excitement prevails in regard to judicial matters in this county. Petitions are being widely circulated asking the Legislature to place this county in some other circuit, as those representing that interest say, any where to get away from Judge Barron. This movement is opposed by some who argue in favor of circulating a petition asking Barron to resign, and the appointment of J. M. Bingham in his place. It would meet with very general approval if it was believed that he could be done. But Barron could not make so good a decision as to resign. The County Board want to get rid of him badly, for court expenses this last year his rule is over \$2400—and as people here talk it he holds court thirteen months in his year. There was never so much disgust toward a judicial officer anywhere as there is toward him here. He has not only here take no notice of it, and we cannot get a hearing through them. Our folks are all in favor of dividing the county. The less territory we have the better. George Guity not caring anything about it has gone away. He can't make \$20,000 a year out of printing any longer. Chippewa county is the worst governed county in the State. Taxes in very moderate homes range from \$75 to \$100 and there is not a man of influence or talent in the county but what is in the ring. The Republicans are feeling sore because Mr. Mitchell is a Clerk in the Senate and the Speaker Burrows is a messenger there—Mitchell was one of the most out and out Greenbackers in the county—was a candidate for office—and a delegate in every Greenback caucus and convention held here last fall, and was one of Burrows' best supporters, and before that was a Democrat. It is well known what Burrows did for the Republican party and that is the reason his boy is picked out for a place in preference to a Republican boy. The Republican can't understand what they have done that they should be compelled to stand aside for two Democratic-Greenbackers. Our leading Republicans are guilty of a great many funny things here.

ALABAMA.

The Condition of Affairs Reaches a
Climax—The Conflict Between the
Courts.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 19.—Information has been received at the Department of Justice of the arrest by warrant of the State municipal authorities of Alabama of United States District Attorney Mayer and United States Marshal Turner, the latter being now in jail and the former having been released on a writ of habeas corpus issued by United States District Judge Bruce. The circumstances are that the municipal or State Court in Selma, issued subpoenas to District Attorney Mayer, Marshal Turner, and Dimmock, Clerk of the Court, commanded them to appear and bring before it the ballot boxes and ballots used in the elections last November. These ballot boxes and ballots were, at the time in question, being used by the Grand Jury of the United States Circuit Court, sitting at Montgomery, as evidence in a certain case therein, pending indictments for violation of the election laws of the United States. The State court assumed that they were required by it at Selma for use in similar cases for violation of the State election laws. The officers made due return to the process served upon them to the effect that the ballot boxes and ballots were not in their possession or under their personal control, but were in the custody of the United States Circuit Court. When the process had thus been returned to the State court, the Judge of the latter instantly issued writs of attachment for the bodies of Mayer and Turner and directed their commitment for contempt. District Attorney Mayer at this juncture telegraphed Attorney General Devens for instructions, and was advised to prepare himself for release under writ of habeas corpus in the event of execution of the threat to arrest him. This he did, and being arrested at Huntsville last Saturday, whether he had gone in accordance on his official duty, he was released on a writ issued by Judge Bruce, but Marshal Turner, who was not thus forewarned, was arrested and committed to jail. At the latest accounts he was yet in custody, and under the laws of the State regulating commitments for contempt of State courts would remain in confinement for five days, subject to immediate release, as soon as released, for another five days, so long as the contempt resists against him. Meanwhile the ballot boxes and ballots remain in possession of the United States Court, and the case in which they are to be used as evidence has been adjourned till April.

A FARCE.

The Trial of Clarence Grant for
Murder, Pronounced a Farce.

BERLIN, Jan. 18.—The trial of Clarence Grant for the murder of J. F. Randall, in September 1877, has proved a farce of the broadest kind. It occupied but two days and ended in an acquittal, the jury not going out at all. The principal witnesses were La Bar, keeper of the saloon in which the murder was committed, and J. E. Brown, who was in the saloon at the time. It is said that somehow they had forgotten much that they had testified to at the preliminary examination soon after the murder. The jury did not leave the room, but after listening to instructions from the Judge as to what murder and manslaughter was in the various degrees, the roll was called and a verdict of not guilty was the result. Designation of the case as a farce is not a new one, as the case of the acquittal proved.

THE MILWAUKEE LOBBY.

And What They Report Concerning
the Senatorship.

MILWAUKEE, Jan. 19.—Members of the Senatorial lobby at Madison who returned last evening report that the Republicans have no intention of going into Joint Convention without a nominee, and consequently that the choice of a candidate will certainly be made to-morrow evening. Edward Sanderson claims that Carpenter

will receive an accession of two votes at once, and confident of his nomination. Beta are offered that Howe will triumph in the end, and other that Keyes is bound to succeed.

CONGRESS.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 18.—The President, at least, is determined that it shall not be his fault if an extra session of Congress becomes necessary. Among the nominations sent to the Senate have been several Postmasters whose terms do not expire until next March, in order to secure action in Senate in order to secure action by the present Republican majority of the Senate. It is reported that the President will continue to send in all Federal officials whose commissions will expire before the next meeting of Congress in December. This list of nominees will include the appointments in all the departments of the government requiring the approval of the Senate. Of course the President can renew the commissions of all Federal appointees during the recess of the Senate; but the obligation to send in their names to the Senate in December would remain, and in the event that the Senate should fail to take action upon the nominations then they would merely fall with the close of the session, and the incumbent of the office would continue until rejected by the Senate. But whatever the President may do the dangers of an extra session are not small.

CONCERT SALOONS.

They are to be Suppressed in Milwaukee.
MILWAUKEE, Jan. 19.—Acting-Mayor Hobart's order suppressing concerts in saloons is creating lively excitement among the keepers and frequenters of those places. Threats of resistance to the mandate, with a view of testing the power of the Mayor in the premises, are freely made.

OUR AMERICAN MAGAZINES.

The marvelous beauty of the illustrated magazines of this country is attracting attention throughout the world. The edition of Scribner in England has doubled within a few months. The London correspondent of the New York Times says: "The whole lot of magazine annuals (English) put together, are not equal in pictorial art to a single number of Scribner's Monthly." But the price at which our magazines are sold is even a greater marvel. For example, a single number of Scribner, "The Midwinter Number," just issued, has a full-page frontispiece portrait of Emerson, of rare excellence, and contains one hundred and sixty pages of letter press, with more than seventy illustrations; many of which are works of art such as before the advent of Scribner appeared only in gift works and purely art magazines, and yet it is sold for 35 cents. It would be difficult to find an illustrated book to match it at \$5. The subscribers for the current year, get, in Scribner, four of these full-page portraits of American Poets, and nearly two thousand pages of text (equal to 5,000 book pages) of the choicest current literature, with more than 1,000 illustrations, including a complete novel, "Haworth's," by Mrs. Burnett.

In Children's Periodicals, too, America leads the world with St. Nicholas. Prof. Proctor, the astronomer, writes from London: "What a wonderful magazine it is for the young folks! Our children are quite as much delighted with it as American children can be. I will not say they are more delighted, as that may not be possible." St. Nicholas is sold for 25 cents a number, and fourteen numbers (November, 1878 to 1880) are given for \$3. At first glance one would say, literature, art, and cheapness can no further go—but in this country intelligence is so widespread and artistic culture is so extended, that there is scarcely any end to the demand for such magazines as Scribner's for grown-ups and St. Nicholas for children, and as the sale of these publications increases their conductors will no doubt continue to add new features of excellence and attraction. Scribner & Co., 743 Broadway, New York.

The Necessity for Plenty of Sleep.

A writer in Scribner for February, considering "The Relation of Insanity to Modern Civilization," speaks of the loss of sleep as a prominent cause of insanity. He says:

During every moment of consciousness the brain is in activity. The peculiar process of cerebration, whatever they may consist of, is taking place; thought after thought comes forth from our brain. It is only when the peculiar connection or chain of connection of one brain cell with another is broken and consciousness fades away, that the brain rests. In this state of land of perfect sleep that the brain is at rest. In this state it recuperates its exhausted energy and power, and stores them up for future need. The period of wakefulness is one of constant wear. Every thought is generated at the expense of brain cells, which can be fully replaced only by periods of plenty regular sleep. If, therefore, these are not secured by sleep, if the brain, through over stimulation, is not left to recuperate, its energy becomes exhausted; debility, disease, and finally disintegration supervene. Hence the story is almost always the same; for weeks and months before the indications of active insanity appear, the patient has been anxious, worried and wakeful, not sleeping more than four or five hours out of twenty-four. The poor brain, unable to do its constant work, begins to waver, to show signs of weakness or aberration; hallucinations or delusions hover around like floating shadows in the air until finally disease comes.

Notice to Stockholders

Notice is hereby given that the annual meeting of the stockholders of the Janesville Cotton Manufacturing Company, for the purpose of electing directors for the ensuing year, and transacting such other business as may come before the meeting, will be held at the Court House, in the City of Janesville, on Tuesday, January 31st next, at 1 o'clock p.m.

A. J. RAY, Sec'y.
Janesville, Wis., Dec. 30th, 1878.

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KIDNAPPED.

The Brother of Bonanza O'Brien Spirited Away By Two Daring Women.

By Telegraph to the New York Herald.
RELEIGH, N. C., January 2.—About four months ago the subject of this article, Mr. P. S. O'Brien, was employed at the insane asylum as a carpenter, but, being very weakly, he was taken sick and retained at the asylum and cared for at the expense of the state for some time. Afterward it was concluded to send him to the almshouse, to be provided for by the county authorities. Learning of this abrupt decision on the part of those in charge of the affair, Mr. Waters, a whole souled Irish gentleman, of this city, had Mr. O'Brien carried to his own residence, where he was assigned the best room and provided with every comfort. Instead of improving Mr. O'Brien grew weaker and more helpless, and soon became as helpless as an infant. Mr. and Mrs. Waters, however, were untiring in their attentions, the patient having to be lifted from his bed and waited upon as though he was a child. After Mr. O'Brien had been at Mr. Waters' house about one month, he happened to pick up an illustrated New York paper, in which he saw the notice of the death of O'Brien, of the Bonanza Company of Flood & O'Brien, California. The paper also contained a notice of the will of O'Brien, leaving his immense fortune, reputed to be \$6,000,000, to his two sisters and their heirs.

COMMUNICATING WITH HIS SISTERS.
Knowing the deceased to be her brother, Mr. P. S. O'Brien at once wrote to his sister in California, telling her that he was alive, knowing that they thought him dead. The sister, in order to prove beyond a doubt that this was the missing brother, sent a lawyer to investigate the matter. This having been done, and all the parties satisfied of his identity, she, knowing by this time his impoverished condition, physically and financially, sent him funds through Father White, whom she had employed as her brother's guardian, and would him to suffer for nothing that he desired for comfort and ease; that she would furnish him funds for all purposes.

Regular correspondence now having been opened up between sister and brother, all the circumstances connected with his brother's death, fortune, and will was made known to him; but since Mr. P. S. O'Brien had only one sister, a daughter, and that she was simply provided for by one of the sisters, and as Mr. O'Brien's wife was dead and he almost dead with consumption, he cared nothing about the immense fortune left to his sisters, as he was provided with everything he desired that money could procure.

URGED TO BREAK BONANZA O'BRIEN'S WILL.
A Mr. Smith, a lawyer of New York, learning through a California lawyer of the whereabouts of this missing brother, wrote him advising him to break the will and claim his portion of \$2,000,000—if the estate, Mr. O'Brien at first refused to do this, but through Smith's continued solicitation finally consented, but even postponed from time to time the signing of the necessary documents. On the 14th of last November Mr. Smith paid Mr. O'Brien a brief visit to entreat him in person to sign the paper breaking his brother's will. He refused, saying it was time enough yet, and that he did not care to break the will. At this Smith, it is alleged, became indignant, and, after staying one day and night with Mr. O'Brien at Mr. Waters' residence, left for New York. Before leaving Raleigh, however, Smith had an interview with Mr. Waters, telling him that a lawyer from California would be in New York to meet him in regard to this matter; that he should have Mr. O'Brien there by Dec. 15 at all hazards, and asked Mr. Waters if he would take him there if he (Smith) would send him a palace car and \$300 to defray his expenses there and back.

ARRIVAL OF TWO FEMALE VISITORS.
Mr. Waters consented to do so, expecting to hear from Smith by each mail, but to his astonishment instead of the looked for letter and the \$300, about ten days after Smith's departure, two ladies presented themselves at Mr. Waters' door as "Mrs. and Miss O'Brien." Mr. Waters met them in the hall, and after bidding them good morning, the eldest one remarked to him:—"Is this Mr. O'Brien?"
"No, madam," he replied; "I wish to God I was."
"Oh," said she, "you look so much like him I thought it must be he."
Mr. Waters weighs 255 pounds, while Mr. O'Brien is only the shadow of a man, weighing about seventy-five or eighty pounds. He invited them in, telling them they could see Mr. O'Brien in a short time whereupon he returned to the invalid and said to him:—"Your wife and daughter are in the parlor."
"Can that be so," said he.
The ladies were then ushered into the sick man's room, where they took a seat, one on either side of the bed. The one claiming to be Mrs. O'Brien proceeded to scan the invalid with her eye-glasses. At length she said to him:—"Don't you know me?"
"No," said he. "Can it be that you are Mary?"
"Yes," she replied, "I am Mary, and this is our daughter Pauline."
"Good heavens!" said he, "I thought you were dead years ago; and my daughter's name is Mary."
"I know it," said she, "but she was given a second name by our Bishop at her baptism."
Turning to Mr. Waters she remarked:—"You will please keep our presence here as secret as possible. We do not wish any one to know our business."
Mr. O'Brien had been near death's door the day before their arrival, but, under the excitement, had rallied sufficiently to sit up a few minutes at a time; and after a day or two the attending physician took the would-be Mrs. O'Brien aside, and told her that if she had any business to transact she had better not delay it, for Mr. O'Brien was liable to drop off at any time, and could not possibly survive but a few days at the most.

On the seventh day of their stay Mr. Waters brought them a letter about five o'clock in the evening, and being familiar with Smith's handwriting, knew it was from him, and he knew, too, that they had anxiously expected this letter. Handing the letter to the woman, Waters remarked, "Here is a letter from Lawyer Smith." The same night about nine o'clock Mr. Waters was called into the room, and told by them that they should leave on the 8 o'clock train next morning; that they had received a letter stating that they must be in New York with Mr. O'Brien by the 15th, and that they had ordered the carriage to convey them to the depot. Mr. Waters thinks it was a premeditated affair, as no one had been in or out of his house since he came with the letter at about 5 o'clock. Previous to their leaving they gave Mr. O'Brien a strong egg-nogg, composed of three kinds of whiskey. The poor fellow was drunk with the draught, and by the time they reached the depot he had to be or should have been redressed. There were no male attendants to help them nurse him and so they left.

Consumption had so reduced Mr. O'Brien that had it been made known that it was the intention to go with him per force they would have been detained. But Father White did not learn of the absconding parties, with their helpless invalid, until they had safely made their way off. They left without settling their board bill even. The women promised to write Mr. Waters. The women also promised to

write, and told Mr. Waters that he should also write Father White, but to the present date not a syllable has been heard of their whereabouts. People here are greatly puzzled as the object of taking O'Brien away. It is the opinion of those acquainted with the circumstances that Mr. O'Brien is in bad hands, and there is no hesitancy in saying the object was to secure P. S. O'Brien's signature, as that is the only signature by which the \$2,000,000 coming to him can ever be secured. The indifference of the women do not accord with the actions of a wife and daughter; their sudden appearance and departure, as well as that while here they did not want to be known, is a queer chapter in the history.

It is alleged that Mr. O'Brien has been kidnapped by the women, and forced to sign papers setting aside the will of his brother, and that his part of the estate will be used by the snappers, who, no doubt, had the whole thing mapped out before O'Brien ever dreamed of seeing his dead wife.

A HISTORICAL VIOLIN.

How Ole Bull Obtained a Long-Coveted Prize.

From a Berlin Letter.
Gasper da Salo, the only violin-maker who can be called the equal of Joseph Gaudence, lived and worked at the commencement of the sixteenth century. He had made a violin with much care, and was himself so pleased with his work, that he desired Benvenuto Cellini to carve the neck. The head of the instrument is formed by a lovely cherub's face, which is supported by a smaller head and bust of a maiden, the features being of exquisite workmanship. The rest of the neck is most beautifully cut and gilded, and the colors are clear and bright, though they are now over 300 years old, as the instrument was made in 1532. The wood from which Gaspar da Salo chose his material grew on the mountains between Brescia and Verona, where it was so finely developed by the even temperature prevailing there that the veins of the wood are exactly an even distance apart. The mountains near Brescia are entirely denuded of trees. It is impossible to find such wood elsewhere, and the instruments of this master are unique in this respect and cannot be imitated. Cardinal Acedbrando bought Gaspar da Salo's and presented it to the Treasury of the Vatican, from which it got its name of the "Treasury violin," which it has since retained.

When Innsbruck was invaded by the French in 1809, it came into possession of a soldier who gave it over to Rhazek for the insignificant sum of 400 guineas.

In 1839 Ole Bull visited Rhazek saw the violin, and but all he possessed for the violin, and he had all the proceeds of the concert he was then giving in Vienna. "Give me the fourth of Vienna, and then we will see," was Rhazek's reply. But he promised the artist if he ever parted with it, he should have the preference.

Two years later, in Leipzig, Liszt and Mendelssohn were dining with Ole Bull, and while they sat at a table the servant brought in an envelope bearing a great seal, which the host put on one side. "Open your letter," cried Liszt, "it has a large seal and may be important." "It proved to be from the son of Rhazek, and imparted the news of his father's death, and that a clause of his will directed that the Treasury violin should be sent to Ole Bull." The delighted artist told the good news to his friends. "What a wonderful violin it must be to cost so much money," said Mendelssohn. "We must play the Kreutzer Sonata together the first time you use it in public." When the instrument came, it was found that there was no bar in it, and it had, therefore, never been played upon. As soon as possible it was put in order, and as Mendelssohn had suggested, it was consecrated to art by the playing of Beethoven's "Sonata." Its tone was found to be worthy of its great beauty. Ole Bull played upon this violin a few evenings since at the poet Longfellow's house at Cambridge.

The Excess of Books.

The excess of books is nearly as embarrassing to the men of the nineteenth century as the deficiency was to those of the ninth. The mass of over-mastering. The very number of the volumes puts it out of our power to read all. We are driven to select. A few samples from the best are positively all we are able to open and examine; and even of this selection we are able to make a careful selection of only a part. The light of a great library would be absolutely disheartening did we not also know that the mass of that knowledge is summarized in a few small volumes. In any such collection there are many slacks and husks; the seed corn is found in a few golden ears. Turn over the husks to the cattle; preserve the ripe ears.—Zion's Herald.

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